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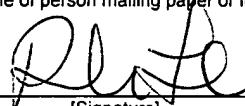
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: HOPPE-9

In re Application of:)
THOMAS HOPPE)
Cont. of Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP02/09597)
Int. Filing Date: August 28, 2002)
For: IMPROVED COOLING DEVICE FOR AN ELECTRIC MOTOR)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to F) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/EP02/09597 and references G) to L). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A) USA	US 4 749 921 A	Chitayat	06-07-1988
B) Germany	DE 196 04 643 A	Krauss Maffei	08-14-1997
C) Great Britain	GB 2 352 094 A	Anorad Corp.	01-17-2001
D) Germany	DE 199 36 064 A	Siemens Linear	02-08-2001
E) Japan	JP 62 281754 A	Shinko Electric	12-07-1987
F) Japan	JP 2000 338173 A	Ando Elecktric	12-08-2000
G)	Drehstrom-Linearmotoren 1FN3,	Firmenprospekt, Siemens AG, 2000	
H) Germany	DE-AS 1 488 604	Maschinenfabrik	08-07-1969
I) Germany	DE 196 04 642 A1	Krauss-Maffei	08-14-1997
J) Europe	EP 0 729 215 A2	Siemens AG	08-28-1996
K) Great Britain	GB 890 687	Ass. Electrical	03-07-1962
L) Germany	DE 30 21 203 A1	Siemens AG	12-10-1981

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference G) is a brochure to provide background information about AC linear motors having a primary part and a secondary part with magnets. The primary part has fixed dimensions, while the secondary part consists of individual segments to suit the traversing range.

Reference H) describes a mounting arrangement for a laminated stator core of an electric machine. The laminations have recesses for receiving strips for forming cooling channels for passage of a liquid coolant.

Reference I) describes a linear motor in which the primary part (1) is cooled using a coolant circuit (7) to remove the quantities of heat loss arising in the current-carrying conductor windings so that the operational temperature required is not exceeded in the linear motor. The primary part (1) is surrounded completely by a cooling plate (10) through which coolant flows and by an enclosing housing (14). The cooling plate (10) is the element used to fasten the primary component (1) to that machine component (20) of the production machine which is

to be moved.

Reference J) describes a machine having individual cooling channels (3) provided in a profile element (4) attached to the machine housing (1). The profile elements each have a flat mounting surface (5) for attachment to a flat surface (2) on the machine housing, ensuring good thermal contact between the latter and the cooling segments. A heat conductive paste is provided between the profile elements and the bearing surfaces of the machine housing, and each profile element is fixed to the machine housing at its centre and releasable attached to it at either end.

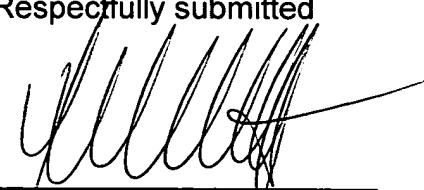
Reference L) describes a externally ventilated electric machine with embedded straight inner cooling channels in a stator casing. Arranged between some of the inner cooling channels are straight outer cooling channels which are open to the outside

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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	DE-AS 1 488 604	08-07-1969	Germany			no
	DE 196 04 642 A1	08-14-1997	Germany			no
	DE 30 21 203 A1	12-10-1981	Germany			no
	GB 2 352 094 A	01-17-2001	Great Britain			
	GB 890 687	03-07-1962	Great Britain			
	JP 62 281754 A	12-07-1987	Japan			yes
	JP 2000 338173	12-08-2000	Japan			yes
	EP 0 729 215 A2	08-28-1996	Europe			yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Drehstrom-Linearmotoren1FN3, Firmenprospekt, Siemens AG, 03/2000, Order No.: 6ZB5411-0AP01-0BA1

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